

CLERK: Yes, sir. Mr. President, Senator Chambers would move to amend the bill.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Chambers.

CLERK: Senator Chambers' amendment is on page 2320 of the Journal.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. Chairman and members of the Legislature, I'm going to read the amendment. It's on page 2320 of the Journal for anybody who is interested. What this amendment does simply is to increase this appropriation by \$720,000. This is the intent language that tells the purpose of it. "There is included in the appropriation for this program \$720,000 general funds to be used only for the purpose of providing an allowance of exactly \$500 per month for each month of the calendar year retroactive to January 1, 1985, to each of 120 members of the varsity football team at the University of Nebraska at Lincoln." The reason for this amendment is very simple. We have a category of unpaid state workers who generate millions of dollars, not only for the University itself, but money for merchants in the City of Lincoln, the hotels, motels, stores, parking lots and all of those other fringe areas that are affected by the presence of Big Red football games in the City of Lincoln. There are three points I want to emphasize for the record if not for my colleagues in the body. Football players are the only category of students, the only category of workers at the University, in fact, who generate revenue rather than consume it. They are the only ones who do that. Number two, they are the only category of student, the only category of worker, paid or unpaid, who are required, by the conditions of their presence at the University or their contract of indenture, to participate in activities where life-threatening injuries can and on occasion have occurred. They can receive jammed necks, pulled muscles, sprained ankles, bruised or fractured ribs. They play whether they are hurt or well. That is the second point. The third point, they are the only category of so-called student...they are not there really to be students, they are brought to the University to be players, not students. They are the only category of students who are required by their contract to spend more time outside the classroom than in the classroom. They are required, in participating in those activities outside the classroom, to deal with things totally unrelated to the academic side of